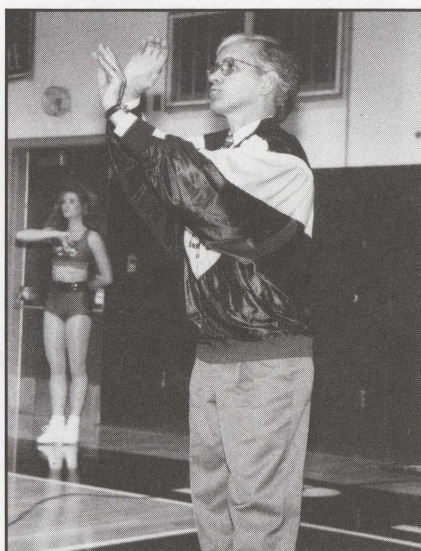




(Left) A Republican member of Congress shoots with his Democratic opponent on defense at the Gallaudet Congressional Basketball Classic October 17. (Right) Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) signs the National Anthem to open the game.



CIS intern impresses folks at NASA

Greenbelt, Md., is a thousand miles from Houston, Tex., where Gallaudet senior Monica Ortiz grew up. But in some ways Greenbelt felt like home to Ortiz when she did a 10-week internship at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center last summer.

In Houston, said Ortiz, "NASA is really a part of our lives. NASA is reported almost daily in the news, and almost everyone knows someone who works for NASA or contracts with NASA." So when Ortiz started looking for an internship placement as a computer information systems (CIS) major, she had a special interest in working at NASA's Goddard facility. Ordinarily, CIS majors don't get internships at NASA in its Technical Experience for Select Students program, according to Gerald McGaughan, Experiential Programs Off Campus (EPOC) coordinator. But Ortiz stood out among other science majors because of her strong programming background, good grade point average, poise, and interpersonal skills, McGaughan said.

Ortiz was exposed to various new computer applications and given an opportunity to become more comfortable using the Internet. She also worked on a project revising a database of the 14 people working in the Computer Services Branch at Goddard and the software they had on their personal computers.

Until Ortiz revised the database, anyone trying to identify an employee's software or to determine that each piece of software was properly licensed had to read through a list of 120 software programs. But Ortiz revised the program so that a user only needs to type in

an individual's name and read through the list of files on that person's personal computer.

"What impressed me the most was her enthusiasm and eagerness to accomplish her tasks," said Robert Freitas, Ortiz's mentor at NASA. Freitas is responsible for quality assurance at the Computer Services Branch.

Ortiz seems to have a habit of impressing people wherever she goes. "She has the intelligence, personality, and talent to thrive in many different professional environments," said McGaughan. "She has a way of communicating which makes others feel at ease and privileged to know her as a friend, classmate, student, or coworker."

He also is impressed by how Ortiz has dealt with her deteriorating vision, due to Usher's Syndrome, and the challenges it brings her. "She can't even be certain how she will need to communicate one year from now," he said. Ortiz, who first learned sign language when she transferred to Gallaudet from the University of Houston, is still able to communicate without using tactile signing. But she "has been preparing for her future, not as a victim but as one who has taken control of her life and is succeeding," McGaughan said.

At the end of the summer, as part of her internship experience, Ortiz was required to make a presentation on her project to a group of 50 people at NASA. "I really enjoyed the fact that I had a great working environment," Ortiz said of her NASA experience. "The people in my office were very helpful. If I did not understand something, I could ask for help. I also was very happy to be given the opportunity to work with such a great agency that is always on the cutting edge."

Basketball Classic nets \$170,000, Republicans defeat Democrats 53-46

The Fighting Elephants defeated the Dunkin' Donkeys October 17 for the second time in a row in a hard-fought game at the Gallaudet Field House. The final score was Republicans 53, Democrats 46.

This was the seventh Gallaudet Congressional Basketball Classic. The Democrats still lead the series, four games to three.

An enthusiastic crowd of about 1,400 cheered the congressional players. The Dunkin' Donkeys were led by team captain David Bonior (D-Mich.), who was voted the Democratic Player of the Game. The Fighting Elephants were led by team captain Mike Oxley (R-Ohio). The Player of the Game award for the Republicans went to John Ensign (R-Nev.). Tim Roemer (D-Ind.) led all scorers with 10 points. Gallaudet varsity basketball players Dawn Talmage, Nona Southerland, John Perry, and Jeff Ploederl served as judges for the Player of the Game awards.

The game was close all the way, with the lead see-sawing several times

before the Republicans took the lead for good just before halftime 33-29.

In the pregame ceremonies, Dr. I. King Jordan welcomed the enthusiastic crowd of students, faculty, staff, and congressional aides. Jordan accepted a \$50,000 check from COM-SAT Corporation, which brought the total amount raised from this year's Annual Business Campaign to \$170,000! Abe Pollin, owner of the Bullets and the Washington Capitals, and Charlie Lyons, president of COM-SAT Entertainment Group and owner of the Denver Nuggets, cochaired the 1995 Gallaudet Annual Business Campaign.

Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) gave a masterful performance when he signed the National Anthem. Gunderson was accompanied by Gallaudet students Barbara Durham, Jaime Eustace, Dawn Porter, and Marjorie Zinner, who also were scheduled to sign the National Anthem at the Washington Redskins game on October 22. Gunderson, who has

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California School's custom-crafted scissors used in GUKCC ceremony

There are ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and then there are RIBBON-CUTTING ceremonies. The one that happened at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center's open house on September 20 most definitely fits into the latter category.

Why? Many say it had to do with the scissors—those eight-foot-long beauties that President I. King Jordan used to snip the red ribbon stretched across the entrance to the center on the day of the open house. These scissors are the handiwork of the creative minds and talented hands of Robert Morrison and his woodworking

class at the California School for the Deaf, Fremont. They are made of three kinds of wood and took the class four months to construct.

"I was in California about a year ago for the dedication of a community center and was impressed with the large scissors used to cut the ribbon that day," said Dr. Jordan. "When I found out that Bob and his class made them, I asked him to make us a bigger pair for the opening of the Conference Center. Bob agreed, and he and his students set to work on them. What an outstanding job they did!"

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Gallaudet President I. King Jordan displays CSD's custom-crafted eight-foot scissors.

Record numbers of Gallaudet students attend graduate school fair at GWU

The 18th Annual Graduate and Professional School Fair, held October 2 and 3 at George Washington University's Smith Center, drew an unprecedented 3,800 prospective graduate students, including 50 Gallaudet undergraduates.

"This was the year for records," said Dr. Nancy Pollock, Gallaudet's representative on the fair's planning committee and senior placement coordinator at the Career Center. "We had the highest number of graduate and professional schools ever to register in the history of the event (168 graduate schools and 120 law schools), the largest number of Gallaudet students ever to participate, and the largest general attendance ever—up by more than 1,100 from last year."

The increased attendance at the fair reflects a national trend of more undergraduates going on to graduate school to increase their chances of finding employment in an increasingly competitive job market. That trend is reflected at Gallaudet, said Pollock, where the Career Center is fielding more and more inquiries from recent Gallaudet graduates interested in going on to graduate school.

For Gallaudet students in particular, improved communication access has made the prospect of attending graduate school more attractive, noted Anne Nissen, director of the Career Center. In 1993 for example, 32.8 percent of respondents to the Career Center Graduate Follow-Up Survey reported that they were enrolled in graduate or other programs above the undergraduate level; in 1994 that number was 24.3 percent. In 1993, these students were enrolled at 18 different colleges and universities. This is markedly higher than in 1990 when only 9.7 percent of the graduating class reported that they planned to continue their education.

The high turnout also reflects the quality of the fair, said Pollock. "These representatives travel constantly to fairs all over the country, and they tell us that this is the best organized fair in the country," she said. "It also is where they have the opportunity to

meet the largest number of prospective graduate students in one location." One representative from Bryn Mawr College told Pollock that she was especially pleased that this year she'd met so many deaf prospective graduate students.

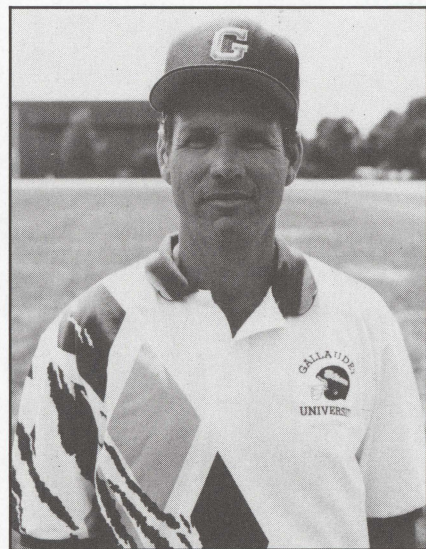
In addition to meeting with graduate school representatives, participants also were able to view captioned videotaped panel discussions such as "How to Apply to Graduate School," "How to Finance Graduate School," "How to Apply to and Finance Law School," and "The Challenge of Law School: Balancing Life and School." The panel discussions were taped at last year's fair by Capitol TV with captioning done at Gallaudet's Department of Television, Photography, and Educational Technology. These videotapes are available for viewing in the Career Center's Career Information Center.

Gallaudet students also were able to use *Peterson's Guide to Graduate Programs* in the Career Center to research graduate schools before the fair so that they could obtain more in-depth information from representatives at the event.

The planning committee for the Graduate and Professional School Fair is made up of representatives from Gallaudet University, George Washington University, American University, Trinity College, the Catholic University of America, Mount Vernon College, and Georgetown University, of Washington, D.C.; the University of Maryland (College Park) and Hood College, of Maryland; and George Mason University and Marymount University, of Virginia. All of the schools are members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan area.

Representing Gallaudet's Graduate School were Brenda Bishop, administrative assistant in the Office of Enrollment Services, and Rosa Mann, transfer credit specialist in the Office of Admissions.

An advertisement for the event, which depicts stylized mortarboards and the Washington skyline, was designed by deaf artist and typesetter Tom Corcoran of Gallaudet's Department of Publications and Production. The ad was posted around campus, at other consortium colleges and universities, and at Giant Food stores. It also appeared in publications such as the *Washington Post*, the *Buff and Blue*, *Roll Call*, and the *Silent News Employment Bulletin*.



Rich Pelletier, '75, is Gallaudet's new athletic director; he replaces Joe Fritsch (not pictured), now director of Auxiliary Student Services.



Social work professionals and students learn "Writing for Publication" from (left) Linda Beebe, executive director of the NASW Press, and Dr. Kay Meadow-Orlans, senior research scientist in GRI's Center for Studies in Education and Human Development. The September workshop, sponsored by the Social Work Department, was the first held in the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center sponsored by an academic department.



Performers, mascots fill halftime

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been taking sign language lessons, was coached by Rosalyn Gannon, '59, a sign language trainer at Pre-College Programs.

Other highlights included a performance by the Wild Zappers, under the direction of Fred Beam; an exhibition by the Glenarden Tumblers, who awed the audience with their acrobatic skills; and grandstanding by "Hoop," the Bullets mascot, and "Rocky," the Nuggets

mascot. Near the end of the game, two Gallaudet students, Talmage and Dwayne Woodard, took shots from the three-point line. Woodard made the basket, winning everyone in the audience a gift certificate from Safeway.

A pregame reception for congressional aides and friends of Gallaudet was hosted in the Field House. After the game, a lavish reception was held in the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center.

'Star' scissors will repeat performance

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Transporting the scissors from Fremont to Washington also was a challenge. The special packaging requirements and shipping expenses were substantial. However, these considerations were quickly resolved thanks to the generous efforts of Celia May Baldwin, '70, and the NorCal Chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association. They arranged and paid for getting the scissors to

Gallaudet for the open house.

The scissors will be used again in fall 1996 at the center's official dedication, to which alumni, donors, and corporate supporters will be invited.

"All of us at Gallaudet are deeply grateful to Celia May and the NorCal Chapter, and to Bob and his class," Jordan said. "Their contributions to the open house ceremony for our beautiful new Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center will always be remembered."

Classified Ads

Classified ads are published in printed and on-line versions of *On the Green* for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Written ads must be submitted in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per week must accompany each ad. The deadline for submitting ads is Friday, three days before the on-line version and 10 days before the printed version. Ads received October 23-27 will be posted October 30 and printed November 6.

FOR SALE: 3-4 BR rancher, Beltsville, Md., 3 full BA, walk-out finished basement w/knotty pine paneling, wet bar, LR fireplace, eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, hardwood floors, off-street parking, new DW, energy-saving 24.7 cu. ft. refrig., AC, and roof (cable TV avail.). E-mail DRBORSCH.

FOR RENT: 3-BR town house to 2 non-smoking roommates, kitchen privileges, W/D, must like cats, near Van Dorn Metro; \$400/mo. for larger room, \$315 for smaller room, incl. util. Call (703) 313-9114 (TTY).

WANTED: Volunteers to help certified clinical mental health counselor/professor in the Department of Counseling improve professional hypnotherapy techniques; 1 1/4 hours required, 2 sessions maximum; safe and relaxing technique. E-mail FRZIEZIULA or leave a voice message at x4518.

FOR RENT: BR in Laurel, Md., town house to mature roommate, DW, AC, W/D, no pets or children, must have own trans. Call Bonnie, x5226 or (301) 725-2271.

WANTED: Care for 5-mo.-old son in his home, Bethesda/Rockville, Md., or in yours, deaf person with good signing skills preferred, full time 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., salary nego. Call (301) 493-8961 (TTY).

FOR SALE: 4 dinette chairs (white metal bentwood look, white plastic seat covering); captain's bed with 1 or 2 twin mattresses, base good for twin, full, or king; Emco Forever Door for opening 38"x80", frame for Anderson Sliding Patio door (left opening 71"x79"), both white, with self-storing screen and glass panels. E-mail LJDIPIETRO.

FOR SALE: Microwave w/carousel, 4 yrs. old, 1.5 cu. ft., \$125/BO; 9-lb. Brunswick bowling ball, \$50/BO. Call Patti, (202) 927-4872 (TTY) by 4 p.m.

WANTED: Nonsmoking roommate for 3-BR duplex in Odenton, Md., swimming pool and fitness center, no pets, must have own trans., 5 min. to MARC station, 40-min. drive to D.C., avail. Oct., \$425/mo. plus util. or nego. Call Patti, (202) 927-4872 (TTY) before 4 p.m.

FOR RENT: House at 252 14th St., NE, Capitol Hill, 2 BR, 1 BA, CAC, W/D, DW, wood floors, skylights, deck, elec. garage, security, avail. immediately, \$875 plus deposit. Call (703) 299-9885.

WANTED: Mature, thoughtful female personal attendant for deaf and disabled young woman to assist w/exercise, some cooking, and personal care; sign language preferred, hours and salary nego., possible live-in. Call (202) 526-8806 (TTY) or (202) 554-2188 (V).



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